



Dogsledding over the sea ice of the Great White Ocean, in the near vicinity of the North Pole, April 27, 1999. Despite the water underneath, sea ice floes in the Arctic can be substantial enough for considerable human and other animal activity, and for airplanes and helicopters to land and take off. Still, the danger is ever present, as cracks can quickly form, splitting ice floes into smaller pieces, and winds and waves can cause the floes to crash into each other or spread apart significantly. (Photograph by Claire Parkinson.)